

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice DAP-53**

**For:** FSA Offices

**Closeout of the 1998 Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program (CLDAP)**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

Pub. L. 105-277, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, authorized funding of \$1.5 billion for 1998 single-year crop losses and \$875 million for multi-year crop losses under CLDAP. Limited funding for these programs required a national factor to be calculated. Sign-up for CLDAP ended April 16, 1999.

Notice DAP-31 provided guidance on timely filed applications and when to accept late-filed applications.

Notice DAP-39 announced June 25, 1999, as the deadline for accepting late-filed applications and supporting documentation:

- for cases that are highly meritorious
- that could not be timely filed for reasons beyond the producer's control.

On October 22, 1999, Pub. L. 106-78, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, authorized funding of \$1.2 billion to provide emergency financial assistance to producers on a farm that suffered 1999 crop losses because of disasters.

CLDAP must be closed out because of the announcement of Pub. L. 106-78 and funds are almost exhausted from Pub. L. 105-277.

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**Disposal Date**

April 1, 2000

**Distribution**

All FSA Offices; State Offices; States Offices  
relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

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##### Purpose

This notice:

- instructs all County Offices to immediately discontinue taking additional program data for CLDAP
  - provides guidance on handling cases still under appeal
  - provides a deadline for issuing outstanding payments.
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### 2 County Office Action

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##### Discontinue Accepting Program Data

Notice DAP-31 instructed County Offices that June 25, 1999, was the deadline for accepting late-filed applications and supporting documentation . Funding for CLDAP is limited and FSA is extremely close to exceeding the allocation.

Based on the current upload activity, it is apparent that County Offices continue to accept and allow producers the option to modify and update information on their CLDAP applications. **As of November 8, 1999, County Offices shall not accept additional information from producers to update CLDAP applications unless the information is changed or revised, resulting from either of the following:**

- **multi-year eligibility, see subparagraph B**
- **appeals, see subparagraph C.**

With the enactment of Pub. L. 106-78 for crop year 2000, County Offices must complete all activity, other than appeals, involving Pub. L. 105-277, before the sign-up for 1999 crop year losses.

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##### Multi-Year Eligibility Changes

Because County Offices continue to receive downloads for multi-year eligibility for both crop insurance indemnities and NAP payments, County Offices can continue to update multi-year applications to revise either the eligible dollar amount or determine a producer eligible.

**Note:** If a change occurs to the dollars eligible under multi-year, County Offices must upload that data to determine whether the producer is eligible for single-year or multi-year benefits.

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#### C

##### Appeals

For applications that are currently under appeal, continue to process the appeal and provide appeal rights, according to 1-APP.

It is extremely important that County Offices understand that any manual applications that are under appeal shall be loaded into the automated system with an enrollment date entered. The data entered into the automated system should reflect the information provided by the producer. This allows the application, although not approved, to be uploaded to KCMO to be included in the allocation.

**Note:** Upload must be initiated by the County Office, according to Notice DAP-49.

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##### Issuing Outstanding Payments

County Offices shall ensure that all outstanding COC-**approved** 1998 single-year and multi-year payments have been issued by December 3, 1999.

**Note:** This applies only to those applications that have supporting documentation submitted by November 8, 1999.

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##### Reports

Outstanding payments that have not been issued by the December 3, 1999, deadline, must be reported to State Offices by COB, Friday, **December 3, 1999**. This report shall include each producer's:

- entitlement report
- amount paid, if applicable
- amount still outstanding to be paid
- reason for payment, that is, multi-year eligibility or appeal
- payment for multi-year or single-year benefits.

**Negative reports are required.**

**Warning:** This report shall be as accurate as possible. The National Office will monitor payments issued. If payments begin to exceed the reported amount, County Offices shall provide justification for the discrepancy.

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### 3 State Office Action

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##### Compiling Reports

State Offices shall ensure that all County Offices follow the requirements of this notice.

State Offices shall compile all County Office reports and **FAX** a State summary report to PECD, at 202-720-4941, by COB, Friday, **December 10, 1999**.  
**Negative reports are required.**

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##### Report Format

The report shall be formatted to identify only the outstanding dollar amount to be paid by program and identified by reason.

##### Example:

	<u>Multi-year (\$)</u>	<u>Single-Year (\$)</u>
Appeals		
Multi-Year Elig.		
Other (Specify)		
Total		

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